

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DELAVAN-DARIEN
JANUARY 11, 2021**

President Jeffery Scherer called the regular meeting of the Delavan-Darien School District Board of Education held at the Phoenix Middle School cafeteria to order at 6:00p.m.

Board Members Present: J. Scherer, D. Henriott, R. Deschner, D. Grams, T. Schutt and S. Gonzalez arrived at 7:06p.m. and attending virtually was G. Moses arriving at 8:00p.m.

Administrators Present: District Administrator J. Sorbie, Business Administrator A. Klein, Principals K. Pickel, A. Urmanski, Associate Principal B. Fossler, B. Bestul, Athletic Director G. Otte

The press was represented virtually by Mike Hoey, *The Delavan Enterprise*.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by D. Grams to approve the agenda as presented and R. Deschner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes December 14, 2020: A motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020 regular/closed session meeting. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Student Council Report: President Breanna Yartey reported on a HERO squad fundraiser with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, beginning to plan for winter week in February with Covid restrictions, and that the school is continuing with recycling.

Darien Elementary Teaching & Learning: Principal K. Pickel introduced teachers Vicky Barquero and Kortney Hungelmann-Skiba who spoke on the importance of dictado strategy. Dictado is the strategy that can be used in Spanish and English to teach various components of word study and mechanics, including spelling, punctuation, comprehension, and fluency. The most important piece of any dictado is meaning and context.

DDHS Teaching Learning: Teachers Kristen Parker and Bob Beighton reported to the board about Study Sync an English department pilot program. They gave an overview of the program that consists of assignments, writings, oral presentation, quizzes, and end of unit assessments all specifically aligned to the common core state standards. The teachers stated that this program will have an impact on ACT scores with the rigorous curriculum challenges, questions asked of students are text dependent requiring the students to go back to the text in order to find their answer and key idea and detail questions make up 55-60% of the ACT reading questions. Teachers like the uniformity across the grade levels and flexibility within the curriculum and are looking forward to the combination of both classical literature and more contemporary/relevant works they can use.

Citizen Comments: Resident Andy Terpstra addressed the Board.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by D. Grams to approve the Manifest of Bills dated January 11, 2021; gifts/grants of \$200.00 for DDHS future choir trips from the City of Delavan; new staff contracts for the 2020-2021 school year for Melissa Rossi – Administrative Assistant Darien Elementary and Betty Monroe – 50% Social Studies/50% Special Education. The motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Board Member S. Gonzalez joined the meeting at this time.

DDHS Wrestling Decision: District Administrator J. Sorbie told the board that she had met with the wrestling parents and after that meeting decided to survey the teaching staff on this subject. Dr. Sorbie reviewed the results of the survey from the teachers with the board and parents. She told the board her answer would be yes that the wrestling students could go virtual from January 25 until their season would end. This wrestling team has a big opportunity and we have all come together for this opportunity for the students. The board agreed with Dr. Sorbie and wished the team good luck!

DDHS ELA Curriculum Adoption: District Administrator J. Sorbie stated that the teachers wanted to continue with the ELA curriculum that they piloted. A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the ELA curriculum adoption. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Financial Statement for Month Ending December 31, 2020: Business Administrator A. Klein reviewed the financial statement for month ending December 31, 2020. Operating cash on hand was \$1,896,645.79, funds accessed on business line of credit \$1,000,000 and net operating funds \$896,645.79. The purchasing card usage for the month ending November 30, 2020 was \$25,092.07. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the financial statement for month ending December 31, 2020. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$6,500,000 Bond Anticipation Note Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by D. Grams to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a \$6,500,000 Bond Anticipation Note Pursuant to Section 67.12(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

Board member G. Moses joined the meeting virtually at this point.

Resolution Authorizing Deposit of Funds and Approving Deposit Account Agency Agreement: A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by S. Gonzalez to approve the Resolution Authorizing Deposit of Funds and Approving Deposit Account Agency Agreement. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

Darien Elementary Playground Equipment Approval: District Administrator J. Sorbie stated that recess is one of the best parts of the day according to children. In examination of the playground equipment at Darien Elementary, we have determined that the equipment dates back to the 1930's. The swing set with the missing teeter totters was 1930-1950, the metal dome was 1960's and the main, larger structure was 1980's. We have been slowly taking away sections of the main, larger structure as pieces break and replacement parts are no longer available. Last year, we added a couple ADA compliant pieces of equipment to the playground. This year, we have budgeted to replace the main structure and swing sets. The ADA equipment was purchased by the same vendor and will fit nicely with the new structures. A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the Darien Elementary playground equipment. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

Delavan-Darien High School Outside Facelift: District Administrator J. Sorbie stated to the Board that the front of the high school is starting to show its age. The old aggregate is breaking off in pieces and cracking which is from the age and water now getting behind it. In researching possible solutions it was

determined the best solution is to apply a metal, flush panel over the aggregate versus removing the stone and covering. This metal covering would be sealed not allowing for water to penetrate the subsurface. We would have color choices and the materials would be warranted for 25 to 30 years depending on the thickness of the product. The overall goal would be to cover all of the aggregate around the entire high school; however due to the magnitude and cost of the job it may need to be completed in two to three stages. Apex Building Consultants will go out for bid on the job and the bids and recommendation will come to the Board for final approval.

Designate Number of Regular Ed and Special Ed Open Enrollment Spaces Available for the 2021-2022 School Year: Director of Pupil Services, M. Burke summarized the purpose of designating seats for open enrollment. D. Grams moved that in grades 4K-12, the Delavan-Darien School District will approve all regular education open enrollment student applications. T. Schutt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. T. Schutt moved that in grades 4K-12, the Delavan-Darien School District approve open enrollment application for students with disabilities who have needs at a weighted level of no higher than a moderate level as indicated below due to space, service availability, and caseload sizes: a) 10-student open enrollment application in grades 4K-2; b) 5-student open enrollment applications in grades 3 and 4; c) 10-student open enrollment applications at the middle school level; and d) 0-student open enrollment applications at the high school level due to seat availability and caseload sizes. S. Gonzalez seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. S. Gonzalez moved that in grades 4K-12, the Delavan-Darien School District approve 0 open enrollment applications for students with disabilities who have needs at a weighted level of higher than a moderate level. D. Henriott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. T. Schutt moved that in grades 4K-12, the Delavan-Darien School District will approve any students currently enrolled during the 2020-2021 with special education needs who are attending our District on open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. D. Grams seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. S. Gonzalez moved that in grades 4K-12, the Delavan-Darien School District will approve any siblings of students currently enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year with special education needs at a weighted level no higher than the moderate level due to space, projected caseload sizes and space availability for the 2021-2022 school year. T. Schutt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

First Reading NEOLA Board Policy Updates: 6144,6320,6325,7540,7540.02,7540.04,7544,8450.01: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by D. Henriott to approve the first reading and waive the second reading for the NEOLA Board Policy updates. The motion carried unanimously.

Updated Job Descriptions: District Administrator J. Sorbie brought forward updated job descriptions for Associate Principal (Elem), Associate Principal (MS), Athletic & Activities Director, and custodian. A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by T. Schutt to approve the job descriptions. The motion carried unanimously.

Suggestions for New Board Member Handbook/Orientation: District Administrator J. Sorbie presented the Board with ideas for a New Board Member Handbook. Additional ideas presented were information on expulsion hearings, WASB as a resource, notifications of Annual meeting and tax levy meetings, renewals and non-renewal information for administrators and teachers, and open meetings law.

WASB Resolutions for State Convention: A motion was made by S. Gonzalez and seconded by T. Schutt to give D. Grams the district proxy for voting on WASB resolutions per the conversation of the day. The motion carried unanimously. Board member D. Grams asked that if any Board member wanted to give any direction please email her.

Platform for Future Board Meetings: Board President J. Scherer asked for discussion on the platform for future board meetings. Discussion took place and no changes were made.

District Administrator Report: District Administrator J. stated to the Board that we have a full candidate list for school board in April. The candidates will be Doreen Grams, Josh Dutton, and Dawn Salas. Leaving the Board at the end of April will be Jeffery Scherer and Sharon Gonzalez and we thank them for their many years of service. Dr. Sorbie stated that after talking to surrounding District Administrators, the district will allow for two snow days for mental health and to let kids play. After the second snow day the district will do remote learning.

Future Agenda Items: None

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting – February 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School
Regular Meeting – March 8, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – Phoenix Middle School

A motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by T. Schutt to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to discuss and take action, if appropriate, on employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of employees. The motion carried on a roll call vote of all ayes.

The Board went into closed session at 9:06p.m.

The Board held discussions. A motion was made by D. Grams and seconded by S. Gonzalez to reconvene into open session at 9:45p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

A motion was made by R. Deschner and seconded by S. Gonzalez to pay the bill as discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote.

There being no further business, a motion was made by D. Henriott and seconded by R. Deschner to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the regular meeting adjourned at 9:49p.m.

Karen Logterman, Secretary

Jeffery Scherer, President